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DURHAM, N.H.– Undergraduate student research projects blossom on the University of New Hampshire's Durham and Manchester campuses for the fifth annual Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) beginning April 26.

Hundreds of students will showcase their research in oral presentations, poster sessions, art exhibitions and concerts from April 26 - May 1 at both locations. The week-long conference features student work from all of UNH's schools and colleges and is open to the public. In addition, awards and scholarships will be presented throughout the week in various disciplines.

Most of UNH's 10, 867 undergraduate students participate in faculty-guided, hands-on research as part of their collegiate experience. "UNH is small enough to offer personalized education in the liberal arts tradition, but also large enough, with several concentrated areas of research expertise, to offer very real research experiences," says John Aber, vice president for research and public service. "This conference presents the fruit of that 'right-sized' nature of the university. It is also a tribute to the quality and diligence of our students, and the dedication of our faculty and staff."

Student research projects are undertaken individually or collaboratively and mentored by a faculty member from conceptual design to finished presentation. A sampling of this year's topics include research that explores treatment of asthmatic children, FIRST Robotics, New Hampshire's food banks, animal livestock training in Tanzania, a fire-fighting robot, an investigation into how UNH can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the role of photography in the debate over drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The students' research contributes to their fields of study and often carries impact for the state of New Hampshire and beyond.

"The University of New Hampshire offers a range of diverse opportunities for undergraduates to participate in original research, scholarship and creative work," says Eleanor Abrams, associate professor of education and faculty fellow to the associate vice president for research and outreach scholarship. "These learning experiences give the students the knowledge they need to pursue graduate study and professional careers."

The conference is an opportunity for students and faculty to learn about each other's work and to make connections across disciplines. Parents receive a personal invitation to attend. State legislators are invited to spend Wednesday, April 28, discovering the world of research at UNH's

Durham campus. The event is also an opportunity for high school students and their parents to visit the university and to experience innovative learning at its best.

URC 2004 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

www.unh.edu/urc

Monday, April 26

ALL DAY EVENT - ALL WEEK

2004 Senior B.A. and B.F.A. Exhibition

Paul Creative Arts Center - The Art Gallery

ALL DAY & EVENING EVENTS - ALL WEEK

UNH - Manchester

Tuesday, April 27

12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. History Undergraduate Presentations

Horton Hall - Room 215

Wednesday, April 28

ALL DAY EVENT

UNH welcomes New Hampshire legislators at the Durham campus

9 a.m. - noon

Seacoast Reads, Thompson School Community Service and Leadership and UNH Partnership for Social Action presentations

Memorial Union Building - Rooms 334, 336, 338

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thompson School Undergraduate Student Showcase (including Stacey's Restaurant Buffet-reservations recommended by calling 862-4760)

Thompson School

Noon - 1 p.m.

2004 Senior B.A. and B.F.A. Exhibition & Gallery Talk

Paul Creative Arts Center - The Art Gallery

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Earth, Oceans, & Space Symposium Engineering Symposium

Morse Hall

- Welcome Speakers
 - Vice President for Research and Public Service John Aber
 - Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space Director Berrien Moore
 - College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Dean Art Greenberg
 - College of Life Sciences and Agriculture Dean Andy Rosenberg
- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
 - Poster Session & Reception
- 3:45 p.m.
 - Presentation of Awards by UNH President Ann Weaver Hart

Thursday, April 29

ALL DAY EVENTS - ALL WEEK

2004 Senior B.A. and B.F.A. Exhibition

Paul Creative Arts Center - The Art Gallery, Durham campus

UNH - Manchester Undergraduate Research Conference

Friday, April 30

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast with UNH President Ann Weaver Hart and Vice President for Research and Public Service John Aber

Memorial Union Building - Granite State Room

9:30 a.m. - noon

Vice President's University-Wide Undergraduate Research Conference

Poster Session and Oral Presentations

Memorial Union Building

9:30 a.m. - noon

Arts and Humanities Symposium

Memorial Union Building

12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

English Undergraduate Research Conference

Hamilton Smith

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Psychology: Haslerud Undergraduate Research Conference

Conant Hall - Room 101

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

School of Health & Human Services'

Grimes Award Competition

Pettee Hall - Room G10

Saturday, May 1

7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

13th Annual College of Life Sciences and Agriculture Undergraduate Research Conference

New England Center

Additional Events - Friday, May 7

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mary Louise Fernald Nursing Research Symposium

Memorial Union Building - Strafford Room

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Chemistry Department Poster Session

Parsons Hall - Iddles Auditorium

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Whittemore School's Holloway Business Plan Competition

Holloway Commons

8 p.m.

Student Composers Concert

Paul Creative Arts Center - Bratton Recital Hall